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Applicant - Gunter Friedrich Schmidt

Dear Sir/Madam:

In furtherance of our conversation today with Yolanda West of Group Art Unit 1700, wherein we advised that our office has received today, August 29th, 2002, a Notice of Informal Application for the above-entitled patent application, which shows a date mailed of April 10, 2002. Since this document took over four months to reach our office, we are requesting that you re-issue another Notice of Informal Application with a current date at your earliest convenience so that we may timely respond thereto. Ms. West informed us that you require this request in writing.

We enclose herewith a photocopy of said notice and the envelope which arrived today in our office, and we thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

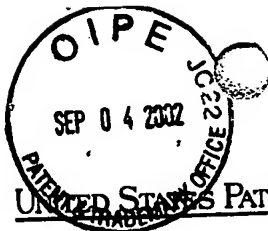
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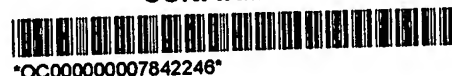


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